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Donald W. Kleine was elected Douglas County Attorney in November, 2006. He was re-elected in November, 2010 and again in 2014. From 2003 to 2006 he was the Chief of the Criminal Bureau with the Nebraska Department of Justice. Prior to 2003, he served as the Chief Deputy Douglas County Attorney.

In his years of service as a Prosecutor, Don has tried many of the high profile criminal cases for Douglas County; State v. Christopher Edwards, which was the first jury trial in Nebraska where a murder conviction was obtained without the victim's body; State v. Roy Ellis, wherein after missing for six months, 12 year old, Amber Harris was found buried in Hummel Park, and State v. Arthur Lee Gales wherein Gales was convicted of two counts of 1st degree murder for the deaths of children Latara and Tramar Chandler. Most recently he handled the trial of Tracy Parnell in the shooting death of sixteen year old Arianna Carr. He has also had convictions on several serial rapists in Douglas County.

Don is on faculty at the Creighton University School of Law teaching Trial Practice and Criminal Prosecution. He serves on the Board of Directors for Project Harmony, (the Omaha metro area Child Advocacy Center), the Nebraska Supreme Court Subcommittee on Criminal Jury Instructions, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Nebraska County Attorney's Association of which he is a past president. He is also on the National District Attorney's Association National Board of Directors and he is on the advisory board for Nebraska Organ Recovery. He has also been named a Fellow in the prestigious American College of Trial Attorneys.

Prior to becoming Chief Deputy County Attorney in 1991, he was in private practice with an emphasis on civil litigation and criminal defense. He graduated from Creighton University School of Law in 1977.